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Darfur

- UN Secretary General Kofi Annan is scheduled to meet African Union (AU) Commissioner Omer Konare and Arab League Secretary General Amr Musa in Addis Ababa tomorrow. The AU announced yesterday that Annan intends to propose the deployment of a combined AU-UN force to Darfur. (*Al-Sahafa*)

- In his monthly report to the UN Security Council, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan expressed deep concern over Sudan's deployment of thousands of troops to Darfur in violation of the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA). Annan further accused the Sudanese military of shelling civilians in Darfur. (*Al-Ayaam, Al-Sahafa*)

- Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM Minawi) accused the Government of Sudan and pro-GOS militia of attacking the region of Um Gabo in South Darfur. The attack left 80 civilians dead and another 70 injured, and it also displaced 30,000 people in the region. (*Al-Ayaam*)

- Presidential Adviser Magzoub Al-Khalifa asserted the government's willingness to negotiate with the DPA non-signatories. Magzoub further added that the government does not object to an increase in compensation for those affected by the war. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

- The Government of Sudan announced the expulsion of the NGO, Norwegian Refugees Council, from Darfur. The NGO was accused of actions that threatened national security. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

- UN Assistant Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs Jan Egeland is scheduled to arrive in West Darfur on Thursday. (*Al-Wihda*)

Miscellaneous

- First Vice President Salva Kiir announced that a final agreement has been reached by the Petroleum Commission that resolves all the disputes within the Government of National Unity over oil-related issues. (*Al-Sahafa*)

- The head of the opposition Democratic Unionist Party, Mohamed Osman El-Merghani, is expected to return from exile in January. (*Al-Wihda*)

Quote of the Day

"Jan Pronk is still the UN Special Representative to Sudan." -- UN spokesperson in Sudan Radhia Achouri.



Cartoon from "Akhir Lahza" Arabic daily

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